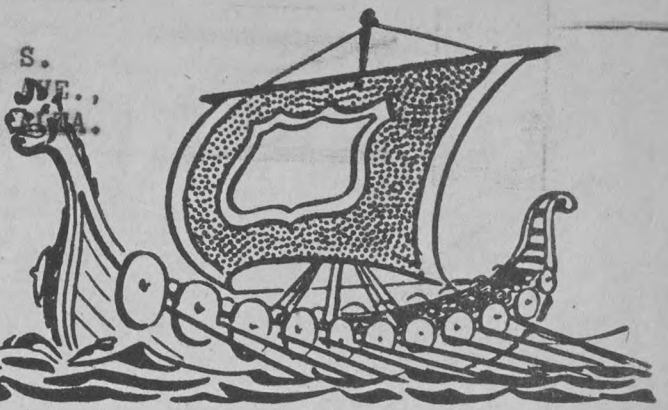


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Lenten Season Begins Feb. 23rd This Year

Swedish Shipyards Set New Production And Export Record

The Swedish shipyards again set a new production record last year, turning out well over one million gross tons. Seventy-four ships totaling 1.22 million gross tons were launched and seventy-six totaling 1.33 million tons were delivered. In 1964, launchings represented about 1.04 and deliveries 1.02 million gross tons. Of the ships launched last year, thirty-one were tankers, and their total tonnage was nearly 885,000.

Exports too were higher than ever before, reaching 1.05 million gross tons, or nearly 80 per cent of total deliveries. Norway, traditionally the leading customer by far received 30 ships totaling 855,000 gross tons. Seven totaling 100,000 tons were delivered to British owners, one of about 43,000 tons to Bermuda, and four totaling 40,000 tons to the Soviet Union.

The leading Swedish yards are Gotaverken and Eriksberg in Gothenburg, Kockum at Malmo in the south, and Uddevalla north of Gothenburg, which is under the same management as Eriksberg. Last year Gotaverken led in both launchings and deliveries, the figures being 406,702 and 395,074 gross tons, respectively. Eriksberg reached 248,377 tons in launchings and 262,855 tons in deliveries, Kockum 228,059 and 297,197 tons, and Uddevalla 165,032 and 197,499 tons.

Gotaverken's leading plant, near Gothenburg, was built in 1959-63 and is regarded as the world's most fully automated shipyard. A Gotaverken subsidiary at Landskrona in the south is Sweden's fifth largest yard, with an annual production of about 100,000 gross tons. The largest investments now planned in the Swedish shipbuilding industry concern new large building docks at Eriksberg and Kockum. Production of large diesel engines at the Swedish yards also reached a new high last year.

Persons granted Norwegian citizenship during 1965 included 213 Hungarians, 110 Germans, 56 Danes, 25 Poles, 22 Americans, 21 Finns, 21 Koreans, 9 Swedes, 3 Japanese, 2 Chinese, and one each from Ethiopia, the Philippines, India, and Iran.

Comments On Mott Tragedy

The Norwegian press reacted strongly to the tragic death of Newcomb Mott, the 27-year-old American who allegedly committed suicide while enroute to a Soviet labor camp to serve an 18-month sentence for illegal entry into the U.S.S.R. His crime was to cross the Soviet-Norwegian border without a visa. Under a temporary Soviet-Norwegian arrangement, which lapsed last fall, only citizens of Nordic countries could visit the Soviet tourist center at Boris Glebsky, by walking from Skafferhullet on the Norwegian side, without having a Soviet visa.

Arbeiderbladet, main Labor Party organ, recalled that the entire Norwegian press had scored the sentence given Newcomb Mott by a Murmansk court as "unreasonable, incomprehensible, and inhuman." ("News of Norway," Vol. 22, No. 39.) The editorial added: "Mott's tragic fate will inevitably arouse dark memories in Norway."

Dagbladet, a Liberal daily in Oslo wrote editorially: "The Mott tragedy affords a new reason to impress upon the Russians that punishment should approximately fit the crime. The punishment that Soviet law metes out for so-called border violations is in no way worthy of a civilized society."

Norway's largest daily, the Conservative Aftenposten, Oslo, wrote in part: "Newcomb Mott was in the wrong when he ventured into Soviet territory to hunt for souvenirs. Norwegian authorities were also in the wrong when they agreed to the international farce called the Skafferhullet agreement." The editorial urged the authorities not to consent to a re-opening of the Soviet-Norwegian border at Boris Glebsky-Skafferhullet. — Several other newspapers, including Lofotposten, Svolvær, and Verdens Gang, Oslo, opined that the Mott tragedy would have a strong bearing on forthcoming negotiations with regard to a new border arrangement.

The flow of foreign labor into Sweden increased considerably in 1965, the budget bill notes in a survey of the labor market. During the fall, more and more immigrants arrived from southern Europe. The total number of newcomers rose from 38,000 in 1964 to 45,000. At the end of last year net immigration was about 30,000.

Norwegian Festival Orchestra To Tour U.S.A.

The Norwegian Festival Orchestra — Bergen's 200 year old Harmonien — is about to begin a six-week tour of the United States. From Feb. 1 to March 14, it is booked to give 30 concerts in 29 towns, located in 12 different states and the District of Columbia. The 72-member orchestra will be conducted by Oivind Fjeldstad, musical director of Oslo Philharmonic and Karsten Andersen, musical director of Harmonien. The all-Norwegian program will feature two soloists — Robert Rieffling in Grieg's A Minor Piano Concerto and Sigbjørn Bernhoff Osa in pieces written for the unique Hardanger fiddle.

Established 200 Years Ago

Harmonien is the first Norwegian orchestra ever to give concerts in the U.S.A. It will play works by old and new Norwegian composers, including Edvard Grieg, Johan Svendsen, Johan Halvorsen, Klaus Egge, Harald Saeverud, and Geir Tveitt. The Norwegian Festival Orchestra will be accompanied by Harmonien manager Jan Lampe Olsen, with Paal Rieber as Norwegian leader on the extensive tour. Mr. Rieber is associated with Det Norske Teatret.

One of the oldest music societies in the world, Harmonien celebrated its 200th anniversary last fall. The weeklong jubilee included a series of orchestra, chamber and church concerts, as well as a cavalcade of the music society's history at the Bergen Theatre. A highlight was the announcement of winners in the society's international composition contest.

Musikskabet Harmonien was established Oct. 8, 1765, on the initiative of Rector Jens Boalth. At first a gathering place for Bergburghers who played Mozart and Haydn while these composers were still alive, Harmonien later hired professional musicians. Incessant changes in the character, size and quality of the orchestra occurred during the initial 150 years or so. Since 1919, Harmonien has had a full-fledged symphony orchestra.

The early 19th century violinist Ole Bull, renowned as Norway's Paganini, played in and made his solo debut with Harmonien. Edvard Grieg conducted the orchestra for only two seasons, but was its guiding spirit and vitalizer for several decades.

Ethiopian - Norwegian Friendship

The recent visit which King Olav of Norway paid to Ethiopia produced many proofs of the bonds of friendship and co-operation which link the two nations, far apart as they are. Emperor Haile Selassie, speaking at a state banquet in honor of Olav V, praised the Norwegian Navy officers who have helped to establish the Ethiopian Navy and the Naval Academy at Massawa. The Emperor also declared that Norwegian missionary teachers and physicians, as well as businessmen, have contributed significantly to the development of the new Ethiopia.

King Olav responded by stating that the Emperor's visit to Norway in 1954, helped to cement the friendly relations between the two nations. It led to closer contact and co-operation, particularly in the fields of industry and business.

About two-thirds of the 350-odd Norwegians in Ethiopia are engaged in missionary work. Other Norwegians own and operate sizable enterprises, including a department store, two furniture factories, a foam plastic factory, and an architectural firm. Some are Ethiopian Government servants.

In the course of his visit, King Olav dedicated a new Norwegian elementary school in Addis Ababa. Built by the Lutheran Mission Alliance, it has 71 pupils and 5 teachers, with dormitory for 50 children. The King also inspected the Norwegian mission center at Irgalem, which includes an agricultural school and a hospital. Operated by the Lutheran Alliance, the center receives financial support from Emperor Haile Selassie and his government.

The rapid increase in the number of motorcars, the minister of finance points out, has resulted in a constantly growing pressure on Sweden's economic resources. Ever since 1961, imports of motor vehicles have tended to expand faster than total purchases abroad.

Last year some 265,000 new cars were sold. This was a new record, and more than the total number of cars in Sweden in 1950. In proportion to population, Sweden's annual car imports in recent years would correspond to about 4.5 million units for the United States. Approximately one-half of Sweden's own automobile production is exported.

The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday which falls on February 23 this year. Pastor John Fullmer of Advent Church in Evansburg will speak at both the 12:05 and 7:30 service at Augustana Lutheran Church.

The main services held at 11 a.m. each Sunday during the Lenten Season will follow the emphasis of these festive Sundays. The first Sunday deals with temptation, the second with exorcising demons, the third with healing and so on. Mr. Bryan Stolee, Student Resident Counsellor on the University Campus, sings the liturgy at these services. The congregation also spends a few minutes each Sunday learning some of the fine hymns from the various traditions and centuries of the church's history. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated at these services on the first Sunday of the month.

For the past year and a half, the Augustana congregation has been conducting regular Sunday evening services. During the Lenten Season, six lay people will speak on the Theme: "What My Christian Faith Means To Me." The following people will take part:

February 27 — Mr. Leslie Liljedahl, Vice Chairman of the Church Council, a wire manufacturer.

March 6 — Miss Astrid Carlson, Church School Superintendent, book keeper.

March 13 — Mr. Ron Deeprise, a participant in Augustana's noon program, civil engineer.

March 20 — Miss Helen Eriksson, Social Worker. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will conclude this service.

March 27 — Mr. Carl Listoe — the congregation's treasurer — chartered accountant.

April 3 — Miss Leila Fretwell, Grade School Teacher.

These Sunday evening services begin at 7:30 p.m. An informal type service is planned.

Lenten mid-week services will be held each Wednesday at 12:05 noon and at 7:30 p.m. The noon services will be followed with lunches served by the Lutheran Church Women.

Pastor Linquist will preach a series of sermons entitled "The Restoring Presence". Lenten Self Denial offerings will be received as a second mile gift to the work of the Western Canada Synod and the Lutheran Church in America.

Other special Lenten events will be a potluck supper for the choir on Sunday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. On Palm Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. (April 3), a memorial service for deceased members of the Vasa Lodge will be held.

EDITORIAL

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK . . .

BY MRS. LINNEA LODGE

SCANDAPADES '66 . . .

This show was well received by those attending but may we say that a larger crowd was anticipated. Possibly this problem is brought about because of the unco-operative weather. This is one of the problems that is being checked for further productions. Because of the demand for use of the Jubilee Auditorium for 1967 Centennial Year it was necessary to book in January of 1965 so the correction cannot be handled until a later year. Mr. J. P. Jorgensen, General Manager of Scandapades recommends this change for another reason also — that there will not be an interruption in rehearsals as it the problem now. This Director also feels that we should continue to engage a professional producer as was done this year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET - February 8, 1966 . . .

- 20 share applications were accepted.
- The checkroom counter will be installed in time for the Annual Meeting.
- The Hawaii Charter will leave on February 11, 1966.
- The financial report for 1965 was presented by Wallace Broen, C.A.

ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING - February 15, 1966 . . .

President I. E. (Don) Johnson presided over the meeting and presented a very interesting report from the Directors.

K. Holm-Pedersen, E. Halberg and J. P. Jorgensen were unable to complete their term of office due to pressure of business. The retiring directors were J. Rama, K. L. Svidal, T. Salomaa and G. A. Larson. Several of these have served the Centre for many years and their absence will be noticeable. I am certain, members of the present board will have many an occasion to review problems that have occurred over the years, with this fine group.

The financial picture has improved over the past term. The loan at the bank has been reduced by \$15,000.00 and it is our sincere hope that by next annual meeting this loan will be completely eliminated. An invitation was issued for your ideas on future all over planning of the 3.28 acre site of the Scandinavian property. Unfortunately no response came from this but possibly you would like to give this matter some real serious thought and mail any plans you have, to the Centre. The directors should be given some directive in this matter.

The Annual Picnic at Elk Island was discussed and it seems that those present at the meeting wished to remain at Elk Island Park. Under the discussion of the newspaper it was noted that a small deficit occurred. Many shareholders indicated that they would like to contribute \$1.00 during each year to help pay for this paper. Should any of you feel this way Mrs. Vera Nielsen, business manager of the Scandinavian News would welcome your contributions. If you wish I could accept such donations on behalf of the Centre. Each month acknowledgements would be printed in the News as has been done in the past.

The eight new directors are Ole Borgersen, Charles Jensen, Paul Karvonen, Henry Logan, Verner Larsen, Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen, Sigvard Sorenson, and Gunnar Thorvaldsen.

During the evening President Johnson presented Mr. S. A. Sorenson with a silver tray in recognition of service he has given to the Centre.

AUDITOR'S REPORT - Wallace K. Broen, C.A. . . .

Mr. Broen was able to assist the shareholders to understand the financial statement. Even though he had such a short time to formulate the figures his report was very informative. The Board is greatly appreciative of his splendid work. He was elected as auditor for 1966.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE . . .

Mr. K. L. Svidal was elected chairman of this committee for the Annual Meeting of 1967.

GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL - February 13, 1966 . . .

On the Sunday evening Mr. Carl Elgstrand presented a fine program of entertainment for the residents. Members of his troupe were: Gil Erickson, Hazel Lubbers, Crystal Fleuty, Irene Hovde, Donna Martinson and James McDonald.

The patients at the hospital are still asking to see the Swedish Folk Dancers in their colorful costumes. We hope that this group will soon find the time to perform for them.



VASA
GLIMPSES

February Meeting
Of Vasa Lodge
Has Good Attendance

There was a good attendance at the regular meeting of Lodge Skandia No. 549 held in the Nordic Room, Scandinavian Centre on February 5th. A visitor from Buford Lodge, Mrs. Tillie Kvarnberg was welcomed to the meeting.

The resolution in regard to the death of a beloved member, Mrs. Anna Johnson, was read. The Charter was draped in her honor and a minute of silence was observed.

The installation of officers for 1966 was conducted by an appointed committee.

Members of the Past Chairmen's Club were called up to face the rostrum in a ceremony of homage to deceased members of the club. The altar was graced with beautiful flowers and candles to honor those who had gone before.

Members reported sick were John Bergstrom and Ed Petterson under doctors care at home, Leonard Eliasson sick at home and Verner Lindquist on the sick list, also Mrs. Grace Maxwell and Mrs. Pat Johnson in hospital. Gertrude Holmgren reported having visited Gust Lundgren and that he was recovering from his operation and would appreciate visitors.

The following were elected for the Sick Committee for 1966: Magnus Pearson, Chairman for the men; Ed Bergquist and Herman Nelson. Milda Backstrom will serve again and act as Chairman for the ladies on the committee which will include Hanna Sand and Irma McMaster.

A committee to visit delinquent members will consist of Margaret Eliasson and Svea Erickson. Glen Eliasson and Knut Engstrom.

Winnie Pearson gave a report on the 1966 Scandapades and made some recommendations. She declined the post of Vasa Representative on the Scandapades Committee for next year. Margaret Eliasson accepted this appointment.

The following committee was elected to manage the Valborg Dance to be held in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre on April 30th: Doreen Nyroos, Lenhart and Joan Peterson, Bert Watson and Glen and Audrey Eliasson.

After the meeting there was dancing to the music of the Checkmates and later some fancy decorated baskets were auctioned off for the supper.

SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT

Birthday greetings to Mrs. C. Hafstad who will celebrate her birthday on March 25.

Frances and Harvey Haugen announce the birth of their son, Richard Donald, born January 24, weighing 7 lbs. 12 ozs. A brother for Tommy and Liegh.

Mr. and Mrs. Halvor Johnson had their daughter Mrs. Fawell (Dorothy) from Unity, Saskatchewan visiting with them recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Holten and Ron flew to Vancouver during the

VASA AUXILIARY MEETING — The next meeting of the Vasa Ladies will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Winquist, 12038-96 Street on Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m.

ANNUAL POT LUCK SUPPER — will be held on Sunday, March 27th at the Scandinavian Centre, Nordic Room. This is for members and their families.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE — at Augustana Lutheran Church on April 3 at 2:30 p.m.

VASA LADIES TEA — The Vasa Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a tea and bazaar at the Hudson Bay Auditorium on April 26 at 2 p.m. Make this the biggest success yet by bringing tasty things for the home bake table, also lots of aprons and other novelties.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1966

- March 5 — Meeting, Young members to entertain.
 - March 27 — Pot Luck Supper
 - April 2 — Meeting, Initiation of New Members. Al Oeming Night, Host Otto von Rosen
 - April 3 — Memorial Service, Augustana Lutheran Church
 - April 30 — Valborg Dance, Viking Room, 9 p.m.
 - May 7 — Meeting, Past Chairmen entertain.
 - June 4 — Meeting, Sports Club entertain
 - July 2 — Meeting, Klondike Night and Pancake Feast
 - July 1-2 — Vasa Work Shop Alberta District No. 18 at Vasa Park. Host—Skandia Lodge No. 549
 - July — Children's Week, Vasa Park.
 - August 6 — Meeting, Campfire, Wiener Roast, Sing Song.
 - September 3 — Meeting, Pot Luck Supper
 - October 1 — Meeting, Initiation of New members, masquerade dance.
 - October 29 — Smorgasbord, Viking Room
 - November 2 — Meeting
 - December 2 — Meeting, Lucia Pageant
 - December 11 — Children's Christmas party.
- PLEASE NOTE — The meetings of June, July, August and September will be held at Vasa Park, Pigwidgeon Lake.

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Finnish Society
Holds Annual
Meeting

The annual meeting of the Finnish Society of Edmonton was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Onni Virtanen on Jan. 30th, 1966. The meeting was well attended.

Last years president, Mr. T. Salomaa opened the meeting with a thank you to membership for their work during 1965. Then Mr. P. Utunen was elected as acting chairman for the meeting with Mr. O. Virtanen as secretary.

Mr. John Koivuneva was elected the president for the year 1966 and the rest of the elected executive are: vice-president, Tony Salomaa; secretary-treasurer, Onni Virtanen; membership, Veikko Leino; other members, Pekka Utunen, John Sahuri, John Rama, Veikko Leino, Sauri, John Rama, Veikko Kujala and Anne Sahuri.

Mrs. Anja Leino was elected the chairman for the entertainment committee. Other members are: Paul and Mary Karvonen, Vaino Rastas, Tony and Kaarina Leino and Sirkka and Vilho Ristola.

Women's auxiliary includes Kaarina Leino, Maria Utunen, Joan Koivuneva, Anja Leino, Mary Karvonen with Laila Kujala as the acting chairman for the first meeting.

Lauri Vesalainen and Vilho Ristola were elected the auditors for 1966 with Mr. and Mrs. R. Vesaniemi as deputy auditors.

Veikko Leino and Paul Karvonen volunteered to take care of the music for the dances during 1966.

John Koivuneva and Paul Karvonen were elected to represent Finnish Society at Edmonton Citizenship Council meetings.

Mr. J. Koivuneva was elected to represent Finnish Society at the annual meeting of Scandinavian Centre Co. op. Association.

Paul Karvonen was elected to the Cultural Activities committee of the Scandinavian Centre Co. op Association.

Bertha Rama and Joan Koivuneva were elected to the Scandinavian Centre Lunch Committee.

Anne Sahuri was elected to be a correspondent for Scandinavian Centre News and Onni Virtanen became a correspondent for Vapaa Sana.

After the meeting everyone enjoyed the delicious lunch served by Mrs. Toini Virtanen. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Virtanen.

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Buford Lodge
Holds Initiation
January 30th

Four new members were initiated in to the Lodge at the January meeting. We are very happy to welcome them.

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The Curling Club has been very active with draws for every Wednesday night. Fred Hamilton has been elected President with Floyd Modin as Secretary-Treasurer. A closed 'spiel is being planned for the first weekend in March with rinks from Edmonton, Fabien and Buford participating. This promises to be an exciting day with Skandia acting hosts for the occasion.

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Get-well wishes go out to Mrs. Gust Modin who at present is a patient in an Edmonton hospital.

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Members of the Lodge wish to extend their sympathy to Mrs. Avis Pearson on the death of her father recently.

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L. A. Pearson is recuperating very nicely after having undergone surgery in an Edmonton hospital.

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Two of our members, Alf Hoyem and Carl Alenius report good luck in commercial fishing at Pigeon Lake this winter. Whitefish seem to be very plentiful.

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Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Andrew Beck, whose daughter, Olive Ankerstein recently passed away.

Parliament To
Consider Two
Controversial Issues

The Norwegian Parliament is considering a Government request to approve another 10 million kroner state guaranteed loan for A/S Norsk Koksverk, the state-owned coke and ammonia plant at Mo-i-Rana, North Norway, which is in grave difficulties. Meanwhile, Parliament has received recommendations from its Foreign Constitutional Affairs Committee concerning the Fleischer Committee report which was quite critical of the Ministry of Industry. **Coke Plant in Trouble**

The bill on the new loan authorization for Norsk Koksverk, introduced by the Ministry of Industry, reveals that the state plant has run into great difficulties. These are partly due to the costly delay in starting up the ammonia factory. The main problem, however, is that coke made from Spitsbergen coal so far has proved unsuitable for pig iron production at the state iron and steel works A/S Norsk Jernverk, also located at Mo-i-Rana. Consequently, the Ministry has proposed immediate termination of agreements whereby Norsk Koksverk is obliged to buy Spitsbergen coal from Store Norske and Kings Bay. The proposal is based on recommendations from the Backe Committee of experts. Stressing the need for further experimentation with Spitsbergen coal, the Committee suggests that the coking plant be incorporated with the Iron Works and that the ammonia plant be sold to the electro-chemical concern Norsk Hydro, if possible.

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The Ministry of Industry bill states that Norsk Koksverk has suffered a sizable economic loss because of the inability of the main foreign contractor, Dr. C. Otto & Comp., to meet its obligations. As a step towards recovering the loss, payments to the German firm have been stopped.

The Foreign and Constitutional Affairs Committee, in its recommendations on the Fleischer

Committee report, was agreed on only one point. This was that Parliament should name a special committee to study the constitutional responsibility connected with administration and management within the Ministry of Industry, especially where authority is delegated to independent agencies, subsidiary or other aspects of the report, which sharply criticized the Ministry for

Vasa Lodge
Nordstjarnan Holds
January Meeting

The January meeting of the Lodge was well attended, it was held at Peter Sjoberg's home. The following are the officers for 1966: Chairman, George Sjogren; Vice Chairman, George Brown; Fin. Sec., Louis Thorsen; Vice. Fin. Sec., Henry Sjogren; Mast. Cere., Nellie Sjogren; Vice Mast. Cere., Bertha Edin; Recording Sec., Lydia Remin; Vice Rec. Sec., Mabel Tapio; Treasurer, R. Anderson; Chaplain, D. Ogren; In. Guard, J. Remin; Out. Guard Chas. Tapio. Culture Leaders; Geo. Sjogren, H. Holmlund and Bertha Edin.

On January 14th the Lodge held their annual Christmas Party, for its Members and their families. It was a nice evening and a very large crowd turned out. A very enjoyable program of recitations and songs by the children, which was followed by dancing around the Christmas tree by both young and old. Lunch of hard-tack and herring finished off the evening.

On December 4th the Lodge had its annual Lutefisk and Meatball Supper, at Elks Hall in Wetaskiwin. It was a real success. All the Lutefisk and Meatballs were sold out, besides gallons and gallons of Swedish coffee. Plans are being made, for preparing more Lutefisk this fall.

This Lodge plans on entering two rinks, in competing for the Curling Trophy.

ICELANDIC NOTES

Our annual General Meeting and Thorrablot was held Sunday, February 13th at the Scandinavian Centre. The general meeting and election of officers followed the Pot Luck Supper. Officers elected for 1966 are as follows: Past President, Leifur Oddsson; President, Walter Arason; Vice-President, Fusi Arnfinson; Secretary, Shirley Thorstieson; Treasurer, Earl Valgardson; Lunch Convenor, Mickey Shaw; Social Convenor, Byran Johnson; Cultural Convenor, Freda Smith; Phoning Convenor, Martha Arason; Mailing, Luille Oddsson; Membership, J. Henrikson; Correspondent, Beulah Arason.

The ladies door prize was won by Mrs. Jonina Campbell and the men's prize by Mr. Barney Stevens, both winners are new members who recently moved here from Gimli, the girls prizes by Catherine Smith, Beverly Arason, the lucky boys were Douglas Smith, Leifur Oddsson Jr., Billy Wallbank. At the close of the evening festivities coffee and Vinsanta was served. Our thanks to Mrs. Earl Valgardson and all the ladies who helped make the supper the success it was.

The decorations and the entertainment were arranged by Mrs. Lucille Oddsson and Mrs. Margaret Cameron. The film, "Big Red", that Gunnar Thorvaldson made arrangements to show the children while the meeting for the adults was in progress, proved to be a wonderful success and should be repeated at future Thorrablots. Life members able to attend were, Barney Eyford, Wm. Anderson, Mike Johnson, Mrs. Gertrude Johnson, J. Henrikson, H. Summarlidason.

The highlight of our evening was the Skyr made by Mr. and Mrs. Summarlidason.

Some of our members who are patients in the hospital are Mr. W. Anderson at the Royal Alex; Mr. Gisli Gislason at the Royal Alex; Mrs. Art Arnfinson at the Miseriordia.

It is with regret we learned of the death of one of our life members, Mr. Tom Johnson. Our sincere sympathy to his widow Mrs. Gertrude Johnson.

Mr. Barney Eyford has left to visit his son at Quesnel, B. C.

Mr. Eugene Rousseau visited at the home of his sister, Mrs. Leifur Oddsson before going on to Cold Lake Air Base.

Mrs. Thora Orr left January 29th to be with her sister Mrs. Helga Isord of Vancouver who is hospitalized.

Mr. Frank Gislason drove in from Fort McMurray where he is employed as an instructor at the trade school to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gisli Gislason.

Rev. Phillip Petursson of Winnipeg spent the week-end of February 11th in Edmonton. A coffee party in his honor was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Arason.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Thorvaldson and family attended the wedding of Miss Gladys Thorvaldson on February 19th. Gunnar gave the hand of his youngest sister in marriage to Mr. Doug Wirth. Gladys is the youngest twin daughter of Mrs. Helgi Thorvaldson of Winnipeg.

Mr. Al Arnason has been on a 2 week course at Arnprior, Ontario, for the Civil Defence.

Sons Of Norway Hold Valentine Dance

The Sons of Norway held their Valentine Dance in the Nordic room, on Saturday, February 12 with approximately 150 people in attendance. A brief meeting preceded the dance. Carl Elgstrand and his orchestra provided the dance music. There were three spot dances and the winners of these were 1st. prize Mr. and Mrs. Challenger, 2nd prize Emma Keason and Mr. Ryan and 3rd prize Mr. and Mrs. L. Gossling.

The room decorations were put up by Clara and Joe Lineham. A most beautiful vase of flowers decorated the luncheon table, thanks to Lydia Naversteth who donated these. Thank you to Hostesses Orla Tychsen and Clara Lineham who served a delicious luncheon of sandwiches, valentine cookies and cakes. Also thanks to Mrs. Holten who contributed a beautiful valentine cake. Mr. Richard Larson was man at the door and Svend Tychsen served at the refreshment bar.

A Hard Time dance is planned for March 19, be sure to come as a pauper.

World Ski Championship In Nordic Events

The 26th World Ski Championship meet in Nordic Events will be held in Oslo, Norway, February 17 to 27, 1966.

The official opening ceremony will be held in the National Theatre, February 16. During the next eleven days, the Nordic Events will be staged in the Nordmarka woods on the outskirts of Oslo. The center for most of the contests will be the Holmenkollen hill, whose ski jumping facilities have been greatly improved in recent years.

The thrilling climax at Holmenkollen will likely be watched by some 100,000 ski enthusiasts. King Olav V will be there to cheer.

Norway's long traditions in skiing will be emphasized in connection with the W.S.C. Just before the 30 kilometer race gets under way, a lone skier is due to arrive with a special message commemorating the first ski race with fixed bindings, held at Ofte in Telemark, February 6th, 1865. On his arrival at Holmenkollen the skiing messenger will have covered some 120 miles from Ovrebo in Morgedal. This farm was once the home of Sondre Nordheim who, in 1868, inaugurated the era of ski jumping in Norway. Sondre later emigrated to the U.S.A. He died and was buried in North Dakota in 1897.

Our president, Walter Arason attended a 3-day Icelandic National League Convention in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Freda Smith visited friends and relations in British Columbia and Blaine, Wash.

Our sympathy is extended to Dr. and Mrs. Decosse of St. Paul on the sudden death of Dr. Decosse's mother at Vancouver, B. C.

A very successful coffee party was held on January 23rd at the Scandinavian Centre. Out of town members in attendance were: Mrs. Josie Janssen, Mrs. Rosa Benediktson, Mr. and Mrs. Jo Johansson, all of Red Deer. Mrs. H. Summarlidason was presented with a Hummell figurine in appreciation for her many hours of work conducting our choir for Scandapades.

FINNISH SOCIETY

FINNISH FOOTNOTES

Sewing Circle was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sahuri on Feb. 22nd. Next Sewing circle will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Luoma, 10022 - 112 St., on March 22nd, 1966. Everyone cordially invited.

Ladies committee held their first meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Kujala on Feb. 1st. And it seems that we are looking forward to many good lunches during the year.

All correspondence for the Finnish Society should be addressed to Mr. Onni Virtanen, 13520 - 104A St. phone 479-8185.

Membership fees may be paid to Mr. Veikko Leino, 13555 - 124A Ave. Please, phone 454-2246 as soon as possible and get your membership paid for 1966.

Belated Birthday greetings to following members of Finnish Society, who all celebrated their birthdays during February: Mrs. K. Leino, Mr. L. Rama, Mr. O. Tervonen, Mr. E. Karvonen and a special Happy Birthday to Mr. T. Korvola.

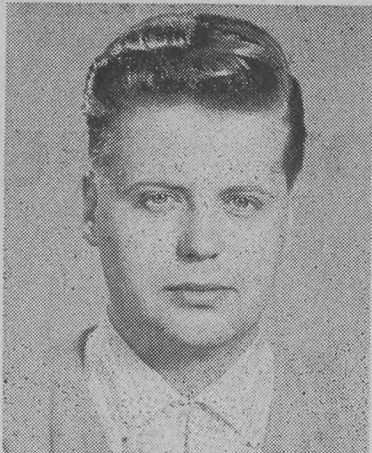
Celebrating birthdays in March are L. Kuusela, H. Kammonen, Sirkka Ristola, and Rita Salo. Happy Birthday to you all.

Next executive meeting of Finnish Society is going to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sahuri, 16112 104 Ave. on Sunday, March 6th, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Next general meeting of Finnish Society will be held on Sunday, April 3rd, starting at 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Onni Virtanen, 13520 - 104A St., Everybody is welcome.

Next Social will be held on Saturday, March 5th at the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room, starting at 8 p.m. Lunch will be served and dancing follows. Everyone is cordially invited.

Please keep in mind also that the Social evening on April 2nd at the Scandinavian Centre, Dania Room, will include a short program. Everyone is welcome.



MR. JOHN KOIVUNEVA
newly elected President of
Finnish Society for 1966

If you have any news for the paper, please contact Mrs. Anne Sahuri, 16112 - 104 Ave. Phone 489-7515.

Three short films were shown at the beginning of Social evening on Feb. 5th. During the evening Mr. John Rama was presented a gavel, as a memento of the many years he served as the president of the Finnish Society. Delicious coffee was served and the audience participated in some games. Dancing followed and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kangas left recently on a holiday to California and Mexico.

Hearty thank you to Finnish Society for the gavel I was presented on February 5th.

A surprise birthday party was held for Mr. T. Korvola on Feb. 10th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama. Many friends gathered to wish "Happy Birthday" to the guest of honor. During the evening he was presented a token gift and Mrs. Rama presented flowers on behalf of the Finnish Society.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Rama and family of Olds, Alberta, left for Santa Ana, California to visit his sister, Mrs. Demers and family. Mrs. Demers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rama of Edmonton.

The date and place of the annual fishing derby will be announced later.

Interesting Twist To Skiing Very Popular

An interesting twist to skiing imported from Scandinavia which is getting to be very popular. It is ski touring and cross-country racing which for centuries have been both means of transportation and national pastimes to all Swedes.

The flat-ground approach to skiing has several favorable points in comparison with the downhill version. It is much less hazardous, requires less equipment and is thus relatively inexpensive. The flat-ground skier must not undertake long journeys to slopes, lifts and trail either; he can easily practice in his own backyard. In Stockholm it is not unusual to see entire families skiing in the public parks.

As one might expect, Sweden is the scene of the world's largest and longest ski-race, the annual "Vasalopp" — the Vasa Run. The day-long 55-mile marathon is held in the beginning of March in the province of Dalarna, central Sweden. This year more than 6,000 starters are expected in the race which has a public attendance of about 60,000.

The "Vasalopp" commemorates a historic journey made by the liberator and subsequent king of Sweden, Gustav Vasa. In the 16th century, he escaped Danish imprisonment and fled to Mora — today's goal in the run — to try to raise the people against their Danish rulers. Failing to convince them, he took off on skis over the mountains toward Norway. But there was a change of heart in the people of Mora, and the fastest skier went after him. They overtook him near Salen — where the Vasa Run now starts — and brought him back to lead the Swedes to ultimate independence. Since 1922 this event is annually celebrated in Mora.

Opportunity Knocks ... A Chance For Lovely Hair

The generous hospitality and heart-warming welcome of the Scandinavians is legendary, and another Edmontonian to be duly impressed is Miss Ruby Sharon of the Ruby Sharon School of Hair Design.

Miss Sharon and a group of friends attended the Norwegian Lutefisk supper and more recently the New Year's Eve dance at the Scandinavian Centre and after having such a wonderful time on each occasion she decided to return the favour by offering the ladies of the Scandinavian Centre a "special" at her beauty salon.

For 75c you can have your hair cut and shaped, or for \$1.00 a professional shampoo and set. All perms and the full range of beauty services will be available to you for half price (as an example a perm costing \$8.00 regular will cost you only \$4.00).

One final note — if anyone is interested in taking the course offered by the School, a special price is available on this, and classes start every week. At the end of the course a job is found for you.

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DANIA DOINGS

The second and fourth Tuesday in March will be Game Nights for members at the Dania Room, Scandinavian Centre. If enough come and are interested in a whist drive we will be only too pleased to put that on too, so just show up and we will decide what game we will be playing. What about all you handball players? We thought you would be down on a Tuesday night for a ping pong game, let us see some of you.

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"BIKUBEN'S" ladies had a most delightful social evening on February 12th where the ladies invited their husbands. We like to say Thank You to Frode and Inger Mogensen for opening their nice Rumpus Room for us, we all had a very good time. The next meeting will be March 21st at 10029 - 85 Avenue, let us see all the ladies come out.

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The dance tickets for March 18th are all sold out and we hope that we will all enjoy that evening.

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Again on Sunday, March 13th at 8:00 p.m. the Scandinavian Centre will show a Danish Film "Den Kaere Familie" it will be the last film for this season, but if you are still interested in these Danish films, we will start again in the Fall. Send us a note and let us know if you are interested or not, all your letters to be sent to the Secretary Vera Nielsen, 10029 - 85 Avenue. We sure will appreciate to hear from you and if you have anything else to either criticize or compliment us on, please be free to tell us in your letters.

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Remember also to buy your tickets in advance for the Ansgar Men's Club Dinner and Bingo night on March 25th at the Scandinavian Centre. Dinner tickets are only \$1.50 and must be bought in advance so the ladies know, how many to prepare for.

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Remember to listen to the Danish Program with Eric Pedersen on Sunday, March 13th and 27th at 4:10 p.m.

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Anybody Going To Denmark Soon?

Danish Rural Culture in the
Open-air Museum
By Peter Michelsen
Director of the Museum

At the Open-air Museum just outside Copenhagen the old rural culture of Denmark and neighboring regions can be studied in all its variety. Here, in a park of great scenic attraction about the size of a large Danish farm, are cottages, farmhouses, and their furniture, brought together from every part of the country.

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A glance at the map shows what a small part Denmark is of Europe. This fact might lead one to suppose that Denmark's folk culture in the past had little to distinguish it from that of its neighbours and was no more than a variation on a theme familiar elsewhere. This would be a mistake, and indeed we know how differentiated the folk culture of bigger countries can be in their different provinces.

But individuality does not mean isolation. On the contrary, it often springs from the interplay of domestic and foreign influences. The great majority of the population who have been bearers of what we call folk culture received their influences not only by percolation from higher social strata but also through direct contact with the world outside. Geographical situation, moreover, has made the peninsula and islands of Denmark a bridge for the transmission of cultural streams between the continent of Europe and the rest of Scandinavia. Although Denmark is a small country, its culture is not uniform in all its parts. The geographical conditions differ as between east and west, the soil in the islands and eastern Jutland being generally fertile, while in central and western Jutland it is sandy. For this among other reasons the economic bases of rural culture have differed from region to region.

The varying degrees of outside influence as between centrally and remotely situated areas also contributed to the rich variation in the old rural culture. Many regions were influenced from abroad by maritime and other trading relations. Above all, however, the capital, Copenhagen, has been the gateway admitting general European cultural influences, and the centre from which they have spread out across the country. Remoter parts have received new fashions and new cultural influences greatly delayed as well as diluted.

A quick journey through Denmark today does not suggest any great differences in the cultural patterns of the various regions. It is characteristic of the mechanized farming of a modern industrialized society that it can to a great extent surmount natural obstacles which in former days contributed to make life hard for the rural population. The heaths of the sandy regions have now for the most part been brought under the plough, and the low, narrow half-timbered buildings of the old farms have mostly given way to modern brick, or prefabricated structures.

Here in the Open-air Museum, on about 90 acres of ground, the equivalent of a fairly large Danish farm, a picture can be had of the whole rural culture of earlier days in Denmark and neighbouring regions. This museum is more than a continuously growing collection of farms and cottages (37 so far)

brought from various parts of the country. Each building is complete with furniture and utensils, all ready to move into by anyone who might fancy the idea of living as peasants and small farmers did a hundred or more years ago. And the buildings instead of being arranged like show-pieces in a museum case are set in the landscape just as they used to be, some close together in a village surrounded by gardens, others isolated on a windswept heath.

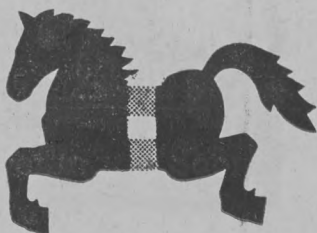
Thus a stroll through the Open-air Museum is like a journey through old Denmark. The various landscapes are suggested on a small scale, and plants from the respective localities have been encouraged to grow along paths and between farmhouses. Domestic animals can be seen grazing here and there in the fields. By the old buildings are small gardens which are cultivated as they were by the rural population of various parts in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The main object of the Open-air Museums is to provide information about cultural history and illustrate the precursors of modern Danish society. The museum can also offer an aesthetic experience in the encounter with old exhibits. Besides the educational object, emphasis is laid on the recreative aspect. Visitors instead of considering themselves under instruction all the time, should freely enjoy the contents of this museum park in a walk through an attractive landscape.

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When you get back from such a museum trip no doubt you will be good and hungry so do try the Danish Smorrebrod (Danish open sandwiches).

Smorrebrod consists of a slice of bread and there is no limit to how many different kinds of bread one may use. Butter is spread on it or in some instances pork dripping. On top of that may be put anything eatable in the world, all the way from herring and eggs to salad and cheese, from meat and sausage to oysters and shrimps, from fish and goose liver paste, from salami to smoked eel. Once in a while, there are several things on each piece of bread and the combinations are built on a hundred years of tradition. But one need not speculate over that because all the restaurants have long sandwich lists from which a hungry patron may choose among hundreds of different sorts of sandwiches. It should just be mentioned that Danish sandwiches are eaten by cutting through the whole work of art and not by pulling it all apart and taking each thing separately. That system simply destroys the whole idea and it makes the spectators, to say nothing of the artist who made it, sit down and cry.



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Star Of The Show Scandapades '66

Crystal Mina Fleuty, 6 years old, but with a great big voice, stole the show, when she gave her rendition of "You Great Big Beautiful Doll", and got the biggest applause by far from the audience attending the Scandapades production, held in the Jubilee Auditorium recently.

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The Jasper Place Klondyke Square Dancers will appear on Kid-dies on Camera February 26th at 2:00 p.m. on Channel 3, CFRN-TV. This tape will go to Calgary TV, also to Vancouver. This group range in age from ten to fourteen years and have been trained by Mina McDonald.

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Installation Dinner Held January 14

A Post-New Years Dinner, Dance and Installation of Officers was held in the Viking room on January 14. Hostess Ragna Sivertsen and the Ladies Auxiliary served a turkey and ham dinner. This was followed by Installation of Officers for 1966. The Drill Team under the direction of Clara Lineham assisted with the installation and also gave an exhibition drill. Junior Director, Gary Johnson and Assistant Arlene Amdam were installed with the Senior Officers.

A dance with music supplied by Carl Elgstrand concluded the evening entertainment.

Revised Edition "Digest Of Sweden" Published

A second, thoroughly revised edition of a 64-page booklet titled "Digest of Sweden," by Allan Kastrup, has been published by The American-Swedish News Exchange in New York. Written for American and Canadian readers, it is intended to serve as a general introduction to a study of Sweden, or as a refresher course for those who already are familiar with the country. Students, teachers, journalists, businessmen and travelers are some of the groups which may find it helpful.

The booklet is organized as a work of reference. There are some thirty pictures, as well as a map of Scandinavia, with Sweden's larger cities indicated. The cover which is in color, shows Swedish bar-iron stamps of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

"Digest of Sweden" can be ordered from The American-Swedish News Exchange, 8 East 69th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021. It costs 50 cents, which includes mailing costs. One dollar, in other words, brings two copies. The booklet will also be available through other outlets.

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The March Schedule of Broadcasts . . .
Sunday, March 13th and 27th

The Last Of The Vikings

Shopping by ship across the Sound between Denmark and Sweden has managed to bring about such rare phenomena as peaceful invasion bridgeheads. This remarkable traffic is here recorded before the development of EFTA (European Free Trade Association) puts paid to so much affirmative uncommon sense.

By Palle Koch

The conscientious student of Scandinavian history must today admit — at least in his heart of hearts — that the age hitherto glorified and respected as the Viking period in fact has small claims to attention. For far too long, the immoderate publicity given to our sword-wielding and shield-bearing ancestors has disguised the fact that in the long view of history the Viking period is little more than a primitive and poorly devised preliminary to sophisticated behaviour patterns which only achieved their full manifestations a millennium later.

Anyone wanting proof of this view should take a ticket for one of the many vessels which today carry the berserks descendants — called shoppers — to and fro between Danish and Swedish ports.

But he will have to hurry if he wants to be among those who can truthfully say: "I saw the flowering of the late Viking period". For on the day that the EFTA partnership achieves its exalted, levelling objective, there will be many changes in the towns bordering on the Kattegat and the Sound. There may even be many changes in the wider Danish-Swedish relations, unless by then we find new and compelling reasons for peaceful co-existence.

But could there be more compelling reasons than a jolly day at sea, coupled with the beneficial acquisition through a smart disembarkation exercise of necessities such as nuts and almonds, pocket torches and sago, cheese and matches, marzipan and butter, biscuits and margarine? Have we more to say, we kinsmen who tie our tongues in knots trying to speak each other's language? Perhaps the weapons will speak again when the carrier bags are taken away from us?

The pacifying significance to be attributed to the prevailing commercial intercourse becomes obvious when one recalls how Danes and Swedes have habitually associated throughout history. Only the universal desire for variation it seems, has persuaded us from declaring other wars than those we liked to wage between ourselves.

Let us recall Varberg.

Once it was a Danish fortress on a coast the Swedes regarded as theirs. At any rate they stormed it 400 years ago to tumult, turmoil, and bloodshed. This year a Swedish colonel thinking this episode memorable, made his doughty armoured troops don homespun and wooden swords. Some were ordered to play Danes while the rest volunteered under the Swedish banners, and soon Varberg had fallen to superior forces — to the amusement of holidaymakers but at the same time to the discredit of the producer, whom leader-writers reminded of the new times.

For Varberg is now not only an old fortress but also a friendship town and ferry terminal with daily connections to Jutland — a bridgehead for carrier-bag Danes.

This fact sufficed to make many Swedes consider the 400th anniversary battle unworthy, but also to prevent Danes from sharing wholeheartedly in the indignation for we need Varberg just as much as the people of Varberg need Grenaa in Jutland. Thus does a shopping route prove a guarantor of a peace which the Swedish colonel in other circumstances might have set at stake by his display of military history.

The only reinforcements we sent to our beleaguered "compatriots" in the town were a boatload of hopeful spectators of the bloodbath. The Viking spirit — the old and primitive one — could not be revived.

It is impossible to behave like a berserk with a bag of almonds in your hand. With this example in mind one is tempted to wish that the waters now dividing the world were crossed by shopping routes. From the Caribbean to the China Sea.

In our part of the world, shopping routes have managed to bring about such rare phenomena as peaceful invasion bridgeheads — large Danish and Swedish urban areas which have surrendered their sovereignty and national identity to the neighbouring contemporary Vikings without protest.

In Denmark one must carry a Swedish phrase-book when shopping in these districts — and vice versa in Sweden. The only national feature to have been retained, it seems, is the rule of the road; in Denmark traffic keeps to the right, in Sweden to the left, which of course can be inconvenient for those who go about lost in thought.

A Dane can feel very much a stranger in the part of Copenhagen that is "Kopenhagen". Even the newspaper placards speak a foreign language, discriminating against Danish news and consigning it to the bottom places in kiosks. What does one do in such a situation so as to feel at home? One follows the crowd and takes the first boat to Malmo. There at last one becomes a Dane among Danes in Denmark.

The shopping journeys to this home from home — danicized Sweden and swedicized Denmark — have gained a wider significance than is based on longing for home. The Viking expeditions have become a form of health journey of great psychological value, an international public entertainment in the time of Frederik the Ninth and Gustav the Sixth Adolf, an excuse for tearing a day out of the calendar under the pretext of saving the housekeeping money.

Some do in fact save; others "save" by getting themselves into such a good mood that they neither remember what they came with nor what they spent. Others again "save" by the method of illusion: for the simple reason that the price is attractive they buy more than they would have done given other circumstances. You can't afford not to, they say.

And what would business be like without these people who make life gay for themselves and others in an uneconomical way?

What would the Danish and Swedish treasures be like without all these splendid indirect taxpayers?

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common sense.

Sadly one writes the saga of the last Vikings to the gay accompaniment of cash registers and kinship toasts. The memories may be premature, for the whistle is still going for "bottoms up"; but the time will come when customs men and bar-men hand us over to the historians, that posterity may seek inspiration in our exploits.

The story will be one of a peaceful fleet which sailed in regular service to the welfare fortresses of Varberg and other invasion towns, a story of voluntary capitulations as soon as the landing craft were in sight.

None wanted to be delivered from the wild Northmen who ravaged the neighbouring land of Interscandinavia.

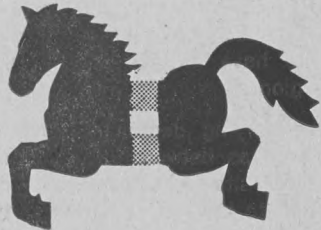
All hoisted a carrier bag in token of surrender.

I wish to use the medium of the Scandinavian Centre News to express my thanks to all those people who took part in anyway in Scandapades '66.

You can all take a great deal of satisfaction from the standard of the show and the evening of enjoyment you gave to those in attendance.

I look forward to working with each of you again at sometime in the future.

Peter Jorgensen



The Horse symbol of Scandinavian Design Cavalcade.

Sweden Air Fare Set At \$99

Unlimited air transportation within Sweden over a 90-day period for only \$99 will be offered to residents of North America.

The announcement was made by Scandinavian Airlines System and Linjeflyg, The Swedish Domestic Airline, beginning December 1.

The special fare will remain effective during the 13-month period of the Swedish "Homecoming Year", sponsored by the Swedish National Travel Office.

The fare will be especially attractive to the many Americans and Canadians of Swedish descent who are planning to return to the land of their families' origins during this special observance.

The \$99 ticket will make it possible for the Homecoming Year visitors to enjoy their trip to the full, visiting the towns and villages from which their forefathers came, and sampling the whole range of Swedish tourist attractions as well."

The special Swedish domestic fare will be available to all bona fide residents of the United States and Canada.

HOMECOMING YEAR IN SWEDEN

In Sweden the Homecoming Year has long been a concept. The Swedes are working hard on making the Year, starting December 1, 1965 and lasting 13 months, a success. It has become a matter of national interest. The Year is sponsored by a large number of organizations on a non-commercial basis. The voluntary work of many Swedes makes this possible.

The Swedish people want to present Today's Sweden: a mixture of private enterprise, advanced research, progressive labor relations and social security, and at the same time keep her Oldworld traditions and customs.

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Mrs. A. V. Johnson Passes Away

OBITUARY — Mrs. Anna Victoria Johnson of 14007 Valleyview Drive, passed away in the University Hospital on January 30, 1966 after a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Folke Johnson who predeceased her in 1958.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, who were married in Ostmark, Varmland, Sweden in 1920, came to Canada with their daughter May in 1925 and resided in Edmonton till the time of their death.

The funeral service for Mrs. Johnson was held on Thursday, February 3, 1966 at 10:30 a.m. from Foster & McGarvie Funeral Chapel. Interment was in the family plot in the Evergreen Memorial Gardens. Reverend R. W. Taitinger officiated and Lodge Skandia No. 549, Vasa Order of America of which she was a long-time member, participated in the closing of the service at the Chapel. A duet, "Shall We Meet Beyond the River" was sung by Mrs. Margaret Eliasson and Mrs. Lilly Taylor. Pallbearers were Messrs. Sigurd Franzen, Herman Nelson, Mons Eliasson, Knut Engstrom, Magnus Pearson and Gust Johnson. The Honor Guard at the graveside was Mesdames Hulda Rydman, Emma Nelson, Ida Franzen, Helga Johnson, Mary Pearson, Betty Pearson and Svea Erickson.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. May Rushton and one grandson, David Rushton of Edmonton and two sisters, Mrs. Signe Johnson of New Westminster, B.C. and Mrs. Linnea Berg of Los Angeles, California.

Many beautiful floral tributes, messages of sympathy and donations to the Northern Alberta Crippled Children's Fund were received from loving family and relatives in Sweden, many friends, Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549, Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., Employees of Savings and Credit Union of Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., Vasa Sisters and Grovenar Friendship Club.

Mrs. Johnson will be sorely missed by her many friends and members of Lodge Skandia. Sincere sympathy is extended to her daughter, grandson and two sisters.

SUND — On February 10, 1966, Mr. Roger Gregor Sun of 10315 - 52 Street, passed away at the age of 37 years. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 12 at Grace United Church, Reverend D. E. Browne officiated, and interment took place in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. He leaves to mourn his loss, his loving wife Leona; one son, Gregor, two daughters, Janet and Karen, all at home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. Sund; one brother, Rudy; and one sister, Mrs. R. (Carol) Brandle, all of Edmonton.

Roger Sund was formerly a member of Skandia Lodge, No. 549 and was a member of the Scandinavian Centre Association. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his wife and children, mother and father, sister and brother.

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VASA GLIMPSES

Our sympathy goes out to Norman and Ann Johnson on the death of the former's mother Mrs. Teckle Johnson of Rich Valley, Alberta on February 8th. Also to Oscar and Winnie Pearson on the death in late December of Mr. Pearson's brother Carl of Stockholm, Sweden.

BIRTH — Congratulations to Norman and Ann Johnson on the birth of their second son recently.

ENGAGEMENT — Petterson
The engagement is announced of Miss Victoria (Vicky) Strychanyk of Edmonton to Mr. Kenneth Petterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Petterson. The wedding will take place on March 12th at 4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church, 116 Street and 96 Avenue.

Mrs. Margaret Eliasson and Glen and Audry Eliasson accompanied by Floyd Modin of Calmar, District Master, motored to Medicine Hat where they assisted with the Installation of Officers for Lindholmen Lodge No. 670. They travelled via Lethbridge where Mr. Modin attended the Executive Meeting of District 18.

After a brief delay in take-off (the cause of which is a source of wonder?) the Hawaii flight got away on February 11th. Members of Skandia Lodge who enjoyed this welcome respite from our frigid winter were Fay Johnson, Mary Pearson and Martha Hokanson.

Signe Johnson of New Westminster and Linnea Berg of Los Angeles, California were in Edmonton for the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Anna Johnson. Signe Johnson is a member of Valhalla Lodge of New Westminster.

Willard and Evelyn Modin left on February 4th on a motor trip to Florida. They planned to make stops enroute at Culbertson, Montana and Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Modin of Glen Park are in Edmonton staying in the home of their son and daughter-in-law during their absence. Mrs. Modin spent a few days in hospital to have an injury looked after.

Members of Lodge Skandia called on Mrs. Ida Franzen at her home on Saturday evening, February 12th to celebrate her 50th birthday. Mrs. Franzen was presented with a lovely corsage and a poem in her honor, composed by Betty Pearson, was read and enjoyed. There were games and a sumptuous buffet supper was served to round out the happy occasion.

SCANDADES — by Winnie Pearson
First of all I want to thank all who took part in the Swedish portion of Scandapades 1966. This includes the instructors and accompanists. Special mention must be made of the efforts of the dance quartet from Wetaskiwin who came all that distance to rehearsals and did not allow the very cold weather at that time to keep them from showing up. I am grateful for everyone's wonderful co-operation.

As to the financial success or otherwise, a statement is not yet available but it would appear that the show would break even or possibly net a small profit. The attendance was not up to what it has been to Scandapades in the past. A suggestion which should merit serious consideration in future is

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that the date of the show be set off to the end of February. At this time better weather could be expected so that more people might turn out, also it would avoid rehearsals being held during the holiday season when everyone is busy with other things.

The show ran quickly and smoothly under the direction of Mr. Jack Unwin, and it was very well received by the audience. From this experience it would seem advisable that a professional director be hired for future shows, preferably the services of Mr. Unwin as he is acquainted with much of the talent available now, having shown remarkable understanding and sympathy toward the efforts of the different groups and the artists taking part.

Criticism and comments, favorable or otherwise, would be appreciated for reference in future productions of Scandapades.

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Mens High Triple, Bob Pearson 773
Mens High Average, Ray Nyroos 203

Winner of First Half — Knut Engstrom's Flatbreads.

Second place — Eric Pierre's Stockholms.

CURLING — The Skandia Curlers will play host to a bonspiel at Calmar on March 5th when rinks from Buford, Nordsjarnan and Skandia Lodges will compete. Lunch will be served and the winners will receive trophies.

It is reported that the Buford Curlers plan to host a District 18 bonspiel on Calmar ice on March 26th. It is hoped that all the six lodges will be represented in this spiel then the District will supply the trophies. Two rinks from Skandia will take part.

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BOWLING — So far there has been no report on the quality of bowling being played this season, but if appearances will help any, there should be some fancy scores from now on as the bowlers have bought themselves some new shirts and blouses we are told, and in the Vasa colors of yellow with blue trim. Let's have some scoring results for the next issue of the Scandinavian Centre News.

Comment From The Annual Meeting February 15th, 1966

Thank you to all for the interest you showed in the Scandinavian Centre News, it made me feel good to know, that I have so many behind me, as I try to get enough advertising to pay for the expense involved.

I do wish that somebody would think about ad's for the News and phone me for any prospects you may have. I feel this little paper is doing us a lot more good in every way, even if I don't get enough ad's every month, then maybe the next issue will pay the bills.

It is never as bad as it looks in a report of this sort, as the outstanding money as of December 31st, 1965 has come in after the first of January, of course there is never too much money involved and we could use a little donation once in a while. Thank you to those people that were kind enough

to hand me a donation for the paper on that eventful evening of February 15th. The names will be somewhere in this issue. Thank you.

This paper is still a good medium between us all and a lot of people enjoy to see what goes on at the Centre. Out of town people who may have lived here, before moving to another part, are very happy to receive this news of their old acquaintances and friends and there is always some interesting news from one or more of the Scandinavian countries, that sometimes makes you homesick, but that is good too, for then, you can just order a ticket on the Charter Flights that we offer to you every year. Thank you again to all who attended that meeting. Good luck for the new season ahead.

—Vera Nielsen.

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